

# FUEL TRIAL NEEDS NEW VENUE

### Western's Officials Have So Many Friends, Dooling Orders Special Talesmen

A special venue has been ordered by Federal Judge M. T. Dooling to try the Western Fuel case, as the original panel of 75 names has been exhausted. The trial of the eight officials of the Western Fuel company on the charge of defrauding the government of customs dues on imported coal by false weightings has shown the defendants to be so well known that it has proved well nigh impossible for the prosecution to find jurors on the original panel whose relations were not more or less friendly with the defendants.

In many cases the questioning of Special Prosecutor Matt I. Sullivan would disclose that the prospective juror belonged to the Pacific Union club with John L. Howard, Sidney V. Smith and other defendants, or that the juror frequently met one of the defendants at the Bohemian club, the Commercial club or on the golf links of a peninsula club. A number of jurors, afterward excused for bias by Judge Dooling, testified that they had known one or more of the defendants for years. Some declared that their wives visited one another.

### ACQUAINTANCE IS EXCUSED

George Boyd, San Rafael, for instance, was excused as a juror when he said he had known Sidney V. Smith since boyhood, and would give him every chance he could. A Christian manager of Wells Fargo & Co., is a member of the Pacific Union, Bohemian and Commercial clubs, and said he knew several of his fellow club members among the defendants. Another example of the standing of the men on the panel was that of J. Folger, the coffee manufacturer, who said he knew President Howard of the Western Fuel for years, and met

## Cry for Prunes Women Want 'Em

PRUNES for women prisoners, with plenty of sugar on 'em—the prunes, not the women—is the suggestion that Dr. Minora D. Kibbe, Oakland clubwoman, leader of civic and improvement work among women of the annexed district, has vigorously voiced to Chief of Police Petersen. Another addition to the prison menu was demanded by Doctor Kibbe—butter, plenty of it and the best. She then charged that the women were underfed. The chief gently but firmly told Doctor Kibbe that the women were fed enough and that their daily meals would remain as they were.

both Howard and J. B. Smith, another defendant, three or four times a week at the Pacific Union club.

A. S. Ferguson, another juror excused, said that he met David C. Norcross, secretary of the Western Fuel, quite frequently at the Merchants' Exchange club, and had a very high regard for three defendants—Robert Bruce, J. B. Smith and Edward Smith.

At the end of the afternoon session yesterday there were 11 prospective jurors in the box, with four peremptory challenges by the prosecution and eight by the defense still available. United States Marshal Elliott has promised to have 40 talesmen in the courtroom tomorrow morning when the case is resumed.

### FOUR DEPUTIES AT WORK

Four deputy United States marshals are engaged today selecting a special venire and interest centers in the character of the men who will be chosen. The prosecution is anxious that those summoned shall not be of the same class as the original panel. The new talesmen are being selected in this city and Alameda county at random. Deputies Paul J. Americh and Morris J. Fitzgerald are picking the men from the street and the office buildings in Oakland and Deputies Elmo Warren and R. W. Grover are pursuing the same tactics here.

# NEWSIES WHET APETITES FOR THE CALL-POST DINNER



It will be some night and some feed when The Call-Post boys gather at banquet board. Eight separate sittings will be required to care for all the boys

## Hundreds of Boys Eagerly Await Monday, While Portola-Louvre Cooks Prepare Great Menu

While the cooks of the Portola-Louvre are pondering and discussing a menu for the big Call-Post dinner that is to be served the newsboys, the lads themselves are patiently waiting for Monday night to roll around when the dinner, which is to be served every day for eight days, will begin. It is going to be "some" dinner, according to the newsboys' way of thinking. Seventy-five of them will be served each night as the guests of the Call-Post and it will take eight nights to feed them all.

The other boys also are priming themselves for the occasion. It's going to be a regular dinner with all the trimmings that go with such affairs. And while the newsboys are performing gymnastic exercises, they will be entertained by that nifty extravaganza, "Fairies in Toyland," which is a feature of the cafe's musical program.

## SOCIETY WOMEN TO SELL XMAS SEALS

### 400 Matrons and Belles of East Bay Cities to Start Charity Campaign

Four hundred society women of the east bay cities will inaugurate a seven days' whirlwind campaign for the sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps, commencing Monday morning. The members of the various church societies, charitable organizations and house clubs will be found at their stands in the principal business buildings, banks and on street corners collecting the funds for the benefit of the tuberculosis free clinic, relief and preventive work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of Alameda County.

Among the Oakland matrons and matrons who will offer the stamps for sale are:

Mrs. Mark L. Requa, Mrs. Arthur Tashler, Mrs. William Thornton White, Mrs. Wickham Haven, Mrs. Charles P. Hubbard, Mrs. J. C. Capwell, Mrs. Oscar F. Long, Mrs. George W. M. Miller, Mrs. L. W. Dinkel, Mrs. Charles Burkhalter, Miss Violet Wilmer, Miss Caroline Digs, Mrs. L. B. Manning, Mrs. Gonzalez, Mrs. W. H. Peake, Mrs. A. L. McCreary, Mrs. C. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. J. D. Potter, Mrs. George H. Tyson, Mrs. A. E. Hall, Mrs. J. F. Kelley, Mrs. F. Garfield, Mrs. W. F. Eschbacher and Mrs. L. A. Johnson.

Among the Berkeley women who will take active charge of the various stations in the college city are:

Mrs. E. W. Brunton, Mrs. H. R. Phinney, Mrs. William K. Hart, Mrs. Fred T. Lee, Mrs. E. A. Berry, Mrs. J. H. Gougeon, Mrs. C. B. Joekel, Mrs. W. A. Wann, Mrs. H. A. Clifford, Mrs. Ester and Miss Jessie Harris.

A strenuous campaign will be conducted by the Alameda chapter of the alumni of the Alpha Sigma sorority, under the leadership of Miss Tisdale, assisted by Misses Hazell and Ruth Holt, Miss Pauline Turner, Miss Marjorie Scott and Miss Jessie Hill.

The Emeryville sale will be in charge of Mrs. J. C. Coburn and Mrs. G. D. Hill. The Richmond campaigners include Mrs. E. M. Ferguson, Mrs. A. Z. Freble and Mrs. U. F. McHenry.

Former President Taft was the chief speaker at the afternoon session.

A problem considered was the increasing practice of policy holders of mortgaging their life insurance.

## FATAL PLUNGE INTO OIL FIRE TO RESCUE

### Foreman of Union's Works at Oleum Found to Have Died in Vain Effort to Save

W. W. Graves, foreman of the cooperative department of the Union Oil works at Oleum, lost his life vainly trying to "save his cousin, Charles Hallawell, when the plant burned on Tuesday, according to an investigation of officials of the company late yesterday.

The charred body of Hallawell, identified only by a pocket knife, was found in the ruins yesterday, but that of Graves has not yet been recovered.

Investigation by officials shows that the fire was confined almost wholly to the asphalt plant. The loss from escaping oil will not be as heavy as at first reported. General Manager Schieler believes that the loss will be less than \$50,000.

## FATHER SEEKS MISSING BOYS

O. M. Lange, 114 Dorland street, reported to the police this morning that his two small sons have been missing since last Monday. It is believed that they have run away to see the world. The boys are Gino, 13, and Lawrence, 11. Both wore black overalls when they disappeared.

## Susannah Sleeping Car Service Discontinued

The Pullman sleeping car to Susannahville, attached to Southern Pacific's train No. 6, leaving ferry station 5:40 p. m., Oakland 14th street station 7:15 p. m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, will be discontinued December 15. From Susannahville on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays will be discontinued December 14.—Advertisement.

## LOCAL MAID MAY BE LIPTON'S BRIDE

### Famous Yachtsman Coming Here to Win Either a Wife or Sailing Trophy

"When I return to San Francisco it will be to win a blithesome maiden or to lift the international yachting trophy."

Thus said Sir Thomas Lipton when he left here almost 10 months ago. Now he says he is coming back in 1915. This will probably be good news to matrons with social ambitions for their daughters and to yachtsmen. First, because Sir Thomas is perhaps the most eligible bachelor in Christendom and, second, because he knows how to sail a boat.

The following letter was received from the famous Englishman several days ago by Mrs. Mary E. Hart, president of the Alaska Cruise club.

Many thanks for your kind letter, which I have just received. I am most grateful to the Alaska Cruise club for making me an honorary member, and also for your thoughtfulness in sending me the membership card, which is a great country, and it is one of the places in the world that I most desire to see; I have heard so much about it. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you when I come down to San Francisco in 1915; and, with all good wishes for the success of the club, I am Yours very truly, THOMAS J. LIPTON.

## RABBI MEYER TO LECTURE

SAN ANSELMO, Dec. 11.—Rabbi Martin Meyer will give an illustrated lecture at the San Anselmo theater this evening on "Travel East of the Jordan." The lecture will be the third of a series given by the Welfare association of San Rafael.

## AGES AND OTHER CUES TO SEARCH FOR SUPPORT

### Parent Refuses His Offer of \$15 on Condition She Quit Husband

Bent with years, and yet clinging with a mother's will to her destitute home and her crippled husband, Mrs. Minnie J. Conroy seeks to escape the fate of poverty and helplessness by asking the courts to compel her wealthy son to give \$50 a month toward her support.

### ASKS HER TO QUIT HUSBAND

After the death of her first husband the mother was married to M. Conroy in Los Angeles in 1910. Conroy was a civil war veteran, and the hardships which he suffered in the strenuous campaigns of the war have left him helpless. He receives a pension, and with this they have managed to get on.

The pension, however, will no longer keep the old people and she appealed to the son. His offer was that she leave Conroy and enter the St. Catherine's home.

## Faces Second Jury in Cherry Murder Case

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 11.—The second trial of Jack Drumgoole, former prize fighter, for the murder of Cherry de St. Maurice, began in the superior court today.

The queen of the Sacramento underworld was also in her apartments in the Cherry club early in September. Sam Raber, a former cafe entertainer, was convicted and is sentenced to hang January 2. Cleo Stirling, Raber's paramour, was acquitted.

Drumgoole pleaded not guilty to being an accomplice in his trial several weeks ago. The jury disagreed.

## Wilson Fights Cold; Is Ordered Indoors

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Wilson stayed indoors today, fighting a cold, and canceled all his engagements by order of his physician. The president's indisposition started a week ago with a cold in the head and nose and extended to his throat. He improved by staying in bed several days last week, but during the last day or two took more cold, which affected his voice.

## Theft of Records in Factional Union Fight

Factional enemies broke open the desk and stole the financial records of the United Laborers' Union Monday night, says William E. Dwyer, secretary. A reward of \$500 has been offered for the capture of the thieves. The books were to have been inspected soon for the first time in six years. Dwyer says the theft will probably be made to figure in the approaching election.

## MRS. ELLA FLAGG YOUNG FAILS OF RE-ELECTION

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, the first woman to become superintendent of schools in a large city, was forced from her position last night when the board of education had a tie vote on her reelection. Immediately upon the announcement of the vote Mrs. Young resigned, saying that without the support of the board she would have to decline to permit her name to go before the board again.

## WILSON IN POOR VOICE; MARSHALL MAKES SPEECH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The president yesterday afternoon sent a telegram to the Chamber of Commerce, Rochester, N. Y., regretting that he was unable to address the body last night by long distance telephone. The president's voice was not in condition to make this speech. Vice President Marshall came to the White House at 9 o'clock and made the remarks for the president.

## NEW HAVEN PASSES DIVIDEND FIRST TIME

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, after an unbroken dividend record of 40 years, will pass its dividend due December 31 next. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the directors held yesterday.

## ROBBED SECOND TIME OF SAME REVOLVER

SAN JOSE, Dec. 11.—Within 30 seconds of the time a stolen pistol had been restored to W. M. Lock he was robbed a second time by a thief who snatched the weapon from his hands at the door of police headquarters. The first thief is now serving a term in the county jail.

## CIVIC LEAGUE OFFICERS

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 11.—The San Rafael Civic League yesterday elected Mrs. Charles Christensen president, with Mrs. Thomas Lennox, wife of Justice Lennox of the appellate court, as vice president. The other officers are: Mrs. V. Neale, second vice president; Mrs. A. B. Dewing, secretary and treasurer, and the following executive board: Mrs. W. P. Taylor, Mrs. J. Cochrane, Mrs. S. M. Augustus, Mrs. J. Dollas, Mrs. L. A. Lancel, Mrs. F. E. Sawyer and Mrs. R. W. Harrison.

## JUNIOR FORESTERS ELECT

Junior Court Pride of California of the Foresters of America has elected the following as officers for the ensuing term: William J. Stahl Jr., chief ranger; A. Jacobs, sub-chief ranger; George Mann, recording secretary; S. Leipsic, senior, and R. Mann, junior, treasurer; H. Dexter, senior, and W. Stowinsky, junior, bearers; E. Rotholz, archer, and E. Goldwater, trustee.

DON'T FAIL TO READ THE CALL WANT ADS.

## BOND ELECTION PETITION IS COMPLETED

### Fifty Thousand Signatures to Plea Limiting Votes on Bond Issues

The initiative petition campaign of the California State Realty federation, begun in October, was completed today. Fifty thousand names have been secured in 46 counties to a petition for a constitutional amendment restricting votes on bond issues to property owners.

In San Francisco, 14,500 names were secured in Alameda county 6,000. A special committee consisting of Francis Cutting, chairman, Stockton; D. W. Canessa, Oakland; W. J. Layman, Oakland; W. L. Atkinson, San Jose; T. B. McManus, Bakerfield; Mabrey McMahan, San Francisco; George J. Wren, Modesto; James R. H. Wagner, Los Angeles; John B. Staley, San Diego, and W. S. Wanzer, secretary and treasurer, San Francisco, which was appointed for the purpose of securing the initiative petition, together with C. C. Juster of Berkeley, president of the State Realty federation, met in the city this afternoon to discuss the signing of the petitions in San Francisco and later in Alameda county.

The amendment is as follows: "Sec. 7. No elector shall have the right to vote on any question of incurring any bonded indebtedness of this state or of any county, city and county, municipality or other political subdivision of this state unless he shall be the owner of property liable to be taxed for the payment of such indebtedness and assessed to him on the last assessment roll."

## Actress Starts War On Income Tax Law

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Attack on the constitutionality of the income tax law was begun here today before Judge Landis in the United States district court by the actress Elsie de Wolfe, the former actress, a citizen of New York now resident at Versailles, France, is plaintiff, and the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings bank of Chicago is defendant. W. Bourke Cochran of New York and Colin H. Fyfe of Los Angeles appeared for Miss de Wolfe, and Levy Mayer of Chicago for the bank.

## Prefers San Quentin To County Jail Term

San Quentin's advantages as an open air resort were urged today by Thomas Collins, who asked Judge Wells of Oakland to send him to prison instead of the county jail. He said he could be active and useful at San Quentin, but only idle in the county jail.

## Battered Schooner Is Towed to Port

ROCKLAND, Me., Dec. 11.—The schooner "Lunt," which was sighted in distress off the Maine coast Tuesday night, was towed into port today. The Lunt had lost all its sails and nearly a third of a cargo of lumber shipped at Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, and there was several feet of water in its hold.

## LAW REFORMERS MEET

The Law Reform League will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in the assembly room of the Pacific building to transact important business.

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## SAYS HUSBY HAD MANY 'ESCAPADES'

### Mission Matron Charges G. A. Wara Neglected Home and Children

That George A. Wara, a hardware man of the Mission District, spent his money on Mrs. E. V. Herve and other women is one of the allegations in a suit for divorce filed secretly in the superior court today by Augusta A. Wara.

Mrs. Wara says her health has been undermined because, believing in her husband, she has learned her acquaintances knew of his "escapades" and his relations with other women. Mrs. Wara married in Honolulu November 24, 1899, and have two children—Harold, 12 years old, and Sanborn, 6, who are now with their mother at 222 1/2 Twenty-first street. She asks their custody and \$150 a month for their maintenance, alleging her husband's income is more than \$500 a month.

## Nicaragua Elects Two Ex-Presidents Senators

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 11.—Two former presidents of Nicaragua, Adam Cardenas and General Machado, and two prominent liberals, Francisco Agular and Santiago Arguero, were among the senators elected on Tuesday.

## LECTURE ON ANIMALS

"Animals Little Known in California" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture which will be delivered tonight by Walter P. Taylor of the museum of vertebrate zoology of the University of California under the auspices of the Oakland board of education in the Washington school, Shattuck avenue and Sixtieth street, Oakland.

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